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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above are the following:

1. Response to Office Communication and Amendment, 8 pages;
2. Copy of Office Communication dated 05/04/2005, 3 pages

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Communication mailed  
May 4, 2005 in the subject application.

**REMARKS**

This Response is in reply to the Office Communication mailed May 4,  
2005 where the examiner requests correction of the last proposed claim  
amendments submitted in Applicants' response filed February 3, 2005.

Reconsideration of the proposed amendments and further examination of  
the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005 and the further  
Office Communication mailed May 4, 2005, reconsideration of the subject  
application, including these amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.